the arrears of payments of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) from the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) were Rs. 550.03 crores. No amount was recovered from the DESU through Central appropriation.

(c) The amounts recovered from the indicated States, through Central appropriation, during the period April, 1987 to September, 1987, were as follows:—

State	Amount recovered (Rs. in crores)
Uttar Pradesh	59.55
Rajasthan	10.60
Himachal Pradesh	1.95
Madhya Pradesh	0.44
Gujarat	0.50
Maharashtra	6.45
Bihar	0.48
Orissa	0.17
TOTAL :	80.06

Construction of Dankuni Project

206. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1824 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the construction of Dankuni Project has since been completed and it has been put on stream; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for delay in its completion?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. The project is expected to be mechanically completed by January, 1988.

(b) Heavy Engineering Corporation is executing the project as Turn-Key Contractors. The delay in completion of the project is mainly on account of following reasons:—

(i) Difficulties in land filling at site;

(ii) Selection of import of technology;

(iii) Delay in procurement of equipments;

(iv) Shortage of man-power;

(v Delay in procurement of Steel, Cement, Cables etc.

Mejia-thermal power project

207. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 112 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1987 and state the progress made in the implementation of the Thermal Power Projec at Mejia (West Bengal)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The Damodar Valley Corporation have reported that 780.6 hectares of land have so far been handed over to DVC against the reuqisition of 804.5 hectares; notice inviting tenders have been issued in respect of Demineralised Plant, Water Treatment Plant, 6.6 KV switchgear and cooling tower, and that the work on temporary quarters, barracks etc. is in progress.

New Drug Policy

208. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any new drug policy in the recent weeks;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and